

Appl. No.: 10/061766
Amdt. Dated: July 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of: May 21, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has asked for explanation regarding the conflicting dates on the previous amendment and the Certificate of Mailing that accompanied it. The outside counsel who prepared and filed said amendment was prepared to and expected to file the amendment on March 29 2004, but, due to some last minute changes to the amendment, actually mailed it on March 31. Unfortunately, the outside counsel and his support person failed to remember to re-do or re-date the certificate of mailing.

Claims 1-58 are allowed except for certain objections to the form of some claims which have been addressed by the amendments herein. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be now in condition for allowance. If any of the needed merely formal corrections have been overlooked herein, the Examiner is authorized to enter the needed changes by Examiner's amendment.


Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

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